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SCHOOL SPIRIT?

"Is there any school spirit at Charlotte College? Is there any particular spirit which binds the students together?" This is the question, or questions, which more than one student at Charlotte College has been asking himself and other people. These are good questions too, and the second year students should not be taken aback by this element of curiosity on the part of some of the new arrivals at Charlotte College.

What does Charlotte College offer in the way of school spirit? Is there a football team to cheer for on Saturdays? Aside from basketball, what can C. C. offer to those who are drawn to their school through its athletic program? Where is the fraternity and sorority with their spirit of brotherhood and welding together of human ties? Where is the spirit of lasting friendship which is won through the living together of a group of people in the same dormitory? These are the arguments which go with the question, "What sort of school spirit—and how this school spirit?"

Should we dismiss the thought of a type of school spirit and say that C. C. is only a group of students who attend afternoon and evening classes in Central High School? No! The question should not be dismissed, nor should anyone feel guilty in asking it. All young people look to college with different attitudes and anxieties. To the college freshman, college is another world; a world of fear, and yet, a world of exhilarating joy. Through high school, and before, he has anxiously awaited the time when he would have the opportunity to achieve the higher education waiting for him at college. College, and all that it entails, brings the individual to one of the real high points in his life. Therefore, it is no wonder that young people place much emphasis on college, and are heartily disappointed when college fails to measure up to all that they have heard and expected from it.

This would bring us back to the starting point of this article; some students are disappointed by the lack of a spirit at Charlotte College. A spirit which is deep and one which will bring us to the station of understanding and realizing our worth and dignity. We must seek this spirit in a world, dark with power-mad conquering persons who have reverted to base animal instincts which are drawing out the dignity of the glory which was designed to be man's.

The students of Charlotte College do not attend a group of buildings in which they struggle to absorb the wisdom of the ages. They are questing one of the greatest things man has the ability to do—developing his mind. In developing the mind, we are constantly creating and seeking the truth. The truth which shall make man free. We are free when we can think for ourselves and be happy in life by doing that which brings us the highest satisfaction of living a life well and worthwhile. We are laboring to meet our desires in life, and though we are all individuals; we seek to find the best and surest expressions of our individualisms.

We are at the present a minority. The select who can act on our nature of free will to make mankind higher and richer to the fullness of life. Because of this we are bound together as giving testimony of the right to think, seek, find, and experience a life of democracy. This atmosphere rests over us as the guiding cloud of smoke over the Children of Israel.

We are bound together with a spirit deeper than a schedule of football games, row of fraternity houses, or part of a spacious campus lined with dormitories. Our school spirit is a spirit of expectancy, as the world looks to us in hopes of saving a civilization which could destroy itself in a matter of hours. However, this spirit is more than a spirit of expectancy; the spirit which is ours to command is a spirit of creating. Creating in a period of destruction, not only of cities and the bodies of people, but of the inner man himself. It is impossible to kill the love of freedom in an individual, unless the dignity and worth of man (as the highest of creation) is destroyed.

In the hands of our generation lies the hope of salvation from the impending damnation of the death of man's dignity and worth. This is tense atmosphere which prevails as we seek a higher education. We cannot fail to catch the situation and develop our perspective which will not only give us a college education, but which will also show to us the weapon to destroy this enemy which threatens mankind. This is our school spirit—the preservation of man's dignity. This is the spirit which can invade our beings and give to us the spark that binds us together in laboring to develop our minds—that we may develop an integrity that will save our human race and the world we live in.

CHRISTMAS

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he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Now as he was acting as priest in the assignment of his division before God . . . To him Jehovah's angel appeared, . . . the angel said to him: ' . . . your wife Elizabeth will be the mother of a son to you, and you are to call his name John.' . . . after these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant." According to I Chronicles 24:10, 18, the division of Abijah was the eighth of twenty-four courses of service for the priests. The second week of the eighth would fall in the early part of July, our calendar. Hence, John was conceived in early July.

Luke 1:26-39 states: "In her Elizabeth's sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent forth from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin promised in marriage to a man named Joseph of David's house; and the name of the virgin was Mary . . . the angel said to her: 'Holy spirit will come upon you, and power of the Most High will overshadow you. For that reason also what is born will be called holy, God's Son. And, look! Elizabeth your relative has also herself conceived a son, in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her.'" Therefore, Mary conceived during the sixth month for Elizabeth, or, in other words, early January. The Messiah would thus be born in early October. (Luke 3:1-3.)

If Christ was not born on December 25, then why is His birth celebrated on that date?

"Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church. Irenaeus and Tertullian omit it from their lists of feasts . . . The well-known solar feast, however, of Natalis Invicti, celebrated on 25 December, has a strong claim on the responsibility for our December date . . . Pagan customs centering around the January calends gravitated to Christmas."—*The Catholic Encyclopedia*.

Some authorities state that the December 25 date was selected in order to facilitate the conversion of heathen people to Christianity. On or about December 25 the ancient Romans celebrated the Saturnalia, or the rebirth of the winter sun, unconquered by winter. Historians know that the earliest Christians would have nothing to do with any of the pagan festivals. E. G. Hardy in *Christianity and the Roman Government* talks about the "absolute refusal of the Christians to join in any religious festival" or "to illuminate their doors at festivals." Further, in describing the Saturnalia, the *New Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia* comments: "During the Saturnalia the courts and schools were closed, and military operations were suspended so that the army might celebrate. It was a period of good will and jollity, devoted to banquets, the exchange of visits, and the giving of presents . . . Much of the traditional merry making of the Christmas season seems to have developed from the earlier pagan festival."

GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP

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tions. Worley's Cave near Bluff City, Tennessee, was the cave that the class explored. Leaving the bright sunlight of day, the explorers ventured into the cave. The intensity of the darkness that prevailed in the cave after leaving the sunlit entrance was impressive. Artificial lighting helped the students to see the formations that

from the night owl

GIRLS! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!!! An opportunity for a date of a lifetime! A date to "DREAM," Saturday night, December 15. This note is authentic and the writer says he is serious about it! There's only one catch! I am (for safety reasons) under oath not to reveal his last name. Nevertheless, I've scoured the records and herewith divulge the list of possibilities. (IMPORTANT CLUES: 1. The author's name is on the list. 2. He is notoriously famed at C. C. 3. He declares he is on the level.) Sooo, Good Luck to you! Too bad I'm engaged for the evening or I might even have taken him up! MMMMM, haven't I read somewhere of people having two dates in one evening? ? ? Oh, yes! It was in the obituary column

THE LETTER:

Dear Girls,

I shall pick you all up in front of the Charlotte Hotel at precisely 8:00 P. M. on the date indicated. Please be punctual!

Your Everloving Lover Boy,
Bill.

BUT WHICH ONE?

Bill Barron, Bill Bonderant, Bill Disher, Bill Drinkard, Bill Eichost, Bill Freeman, Bill Galloway, Bill Gordon, Bill Hallas, Bill Henson, Bill Hill, Bill Hoyle, Bill Hudspeth, Bill James, Bill Johnston, Bill Kendrick, Bill Lemmond, Bill McMillian, Bill Mill, Bill Miller, Bill Moser, Bill Newland, Bill K. Poole, Bill D. Poole, Bill Shields, Bill Smith, Bill Stewart, Bill Reid, Bill Trimble, or Bill Wagner.

CC Bulletin Board

Related Congratulations:

To PHIL SWARINGEN and CAROLYN TARTE on their recent marriage.

Congratulations:

To DAVID E. RUSSELL and JOY HOPE CALDWELL who were married the first of this month.

The Staff . . .

joins with the Student Body in extending their deepest sympathy to TENNANT N. McLEOD on the death of his father, ARCHIE E. McLEOD.

have taken hundreds and thousands of years to form. Small and large stalactites hanging from the top of the cave; small and large stalagmites rising up from the floor of the cave; rimstone around vacated pools of water and around pools of water; thin drapery formations hanging from the top of the cave; and huge columns (formed when stalactites and stalagmites extend and join) brought the students nearer to the material that they had been studying in class.

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Clubs For You

By Gay Hinson

Welcome to the club! Here's hoping you found one to suit you.

The first meeting of the Spanish Club was held Saturday night, December 1st, at the home of Mrs. Hoyle. The meeting was centered around the Spanish Christmas customs. Quite a few of the Spanish students and guests (including a lovely blond, a darling redhead, and Dot McAllister's fabulous husband) attended. Bill Reid translated several stories, to the amusement of Marco Perez, after reading them first in Spanish. The breaking of the pinata was completed in full tradition. The pinata was made by Betti King, who could make a huge fortune in this business. It took Charles Furman's powerful right to finally break it. Man, you should have seen those Spanish students scramble after everything from kisses (candy, that is) to checkers. Refreshments were served by Senoritas King, Foster, McRorie, and Fisher. Note to Mrs. Hoyle—Sandwiches and punch were delicious. The social was brought to a close with the singing of Christmas Carols, in Spanish, of course. All Spanish students, either taking Spanish or have taken Spanish, are invited to join. Note to those in attendance—Why not put on a "Gun-smoke" play in Spanish starring Johnny Craig as Mat Dillon and Vickie Eagle as Doc.

The Sigma Lambda Chi members have been launching a paper drive under the direction of Ronnie Watts. Hope you reached your goal, boys. (They won't tell me anything else.—Sigh!)

Elementary organization for an Electronics Club is underway at Charlotte College. Setting up electronic equipment for next quarter's electronics class is being accomplished by the club. This organization is a good one and is headed by a couple of swell guys, Tommy Reddeck and Bill Moser. All students interested in this phase of physics are invited to join.

"The United States' Nuclear Policy" was discussed by the members of the Discussion Club held Friday, November 30th. The club added two new members at this meeting. Jack Moore acted as moderator. The panel—Bobbie Butler, Guilford Furr, Tom Huskins, Harold Kellams, Judy Spurrier, and

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